

## COURT DECISION ATTACKED IN HOUSE

Littleton Accuses Supreme Bench of Permitting Wealth to Go Untaxed.

### SPEAKS ON EXCISE BILL

At West Entire Membership of Body Crowds Around to Congratulate Him.

Washington, March 18.—Democratic Leader Oscar W. Underwood, supporting the proposed excise tax bill in the House to-day, charged that the Supreme Court, by its annulment of the income tax in 1895, was responsible for the growth of socialism in the United States.

The pending measure, which will probably pass the House to-morrow, is expected to raise between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000 a year in revenue for the government. Multimillionaires Andrew Carnegie, J. Pierpont Morgan and John D. Rockefeller would be compelled to pay their full share of taxation under its terms, the Democratic leader declared.

A remarkable demonstration marked the speech of Representative Littleton of New York. He cited court records to prove the constitutionality of the bill and urged its passage.

"I want to say that if we expect to tax the wealth of this country as we ought to tax it," he said, "we must not stand paralyzed before this impending influence of the court. We cannot forecast the judgment of the court, but we must not let that impede us."

"When the government had the right to tax wealth," said Mr. Underwood, "we did not hear the socialist cry of those less able to bear the burden of taxation. The spirit of unrest came when the Supreme Court abandoned its policy of a hundred years and five justices to four said in effect to Congress that great wealth was to be exempted from taxation."

"I do not want to be understood as railing at the judiciary," said Mr. Littleton. "I do, however, want to be understood as criticizing the Supreme Court's decision of 1895 on the income tax law, which cut off at one stroke three-fourths of the taxing power of the government."

When Mr. Littleton concluded practically the entire membership of the House crowded around him, and it was with difficulty that order was restored.

To Complete Signal Station.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Washington, March 18.—Representative Adamson of Georgia, chairman of the House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce, to-day introduced a bill appropriating \$35,000 for the completion of a Tumble Shoals light and fog signal station near Norfolk.

This is one of the most important lighting points on the Atlantic coast, and there is said to be danger of loss of life and property unless it is protected with proper apparatus.

Part of State Quarantined.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Washington, March 18.—The Secretary of Agriculture to-day gave notice that a portion of Texas fever among cattle in Virginia the following counties had been issued and would apply to the State.

The counties of Sussex, Surry, Southampton, Isle of Wight and Nanamoud, that part of Greensville county on Mecklenburg River, that part of Warwick county not included in the seventh News market district, and that part of York county not included in the third market district are quarantined.

From the counties and parts of counties in the State of Virginia quarantined cattle shall only be moved or allowed to move interstate to points outside of the quarantined area in accordance with the regulations for immediate slaughter.

Petitions in Bankruptcy.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

Lynchburg, Va., March 18.—R. T. Shields, a contractor and builder of West Lynchburg, today filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy in the Federal District Court here, in which his liabilities are scheduled at \$3,335.25 and his assets \$2,224. Nearly all of the creditors are local firms, most of which are engaged in the sale of building materials.

Porter, a baggage man in the service of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway at Clifton Forge, has filed a similar petition in the same court, in which his debts are scheduled at \$17.20, with \$47 in assets. Nearly all of the creditors listed are in Clifton Forge.

Z. E. Driscoll, a railway man at Clifton Forge, has also filed a bankruptcy petition, his debts being shown to be \$193.22, with assets aggregating \$64.

Would Form Society Here.

To discuss the question of the formation of a Richmond society of the Archaeological Institute of America, Professor Mitchell Carroll, general secretary of the national organization, will address the students of Richmond College to-night at 8 o'clock.

Professor Carroll, who is now in Richmond, addressed the Woman's Club on this subject.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast: For Virginia—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday, without decided temperature changes; light, variable winds.

For North Carolina—Fair Tuesday and Wednesday; light winds, mostly southeast and south.

Special Local Data for Yesterday.

12 noon temperature..... 69

3 P. M. temperature..... 73

Maximum temperature up to 8 P. M. .... 73

Minimum temperature up to 8 P. M. .... 45

Mean temperature..... 59

Normal temperature..... 47

Excess in temperature..... 12

Deficiency in temperature..... 12

March 1, 1912..... 96

Accum. deficiency in temperature since January 1, 1912..... 523

Excess in rainfall since March 1, 1912..... 3.26

Accum. excess in rainfall since January 1, 1912..... 3.07

Local Observations 5 P. M. Yesterday.

Temperature..... 64

Humidity..... 48

Wind, direction..... S.W.

Wind, velocity..... 11

Weather..... Clear

CONDITIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

(At 8 P. M. Eastern Standard Time.)

Place..... Ther. H. T. L. T. Weather.

Alexandria..... 66 46 Clear

Atlanta..... 68 74 Clear

Atlantic City..... 48 42 Clear

Boston..... 62 46 Cloudy

Buffalo..... 64 24 Clear

Charleston..... 60 74 Clear

Chicago..... 44 42 Clear

Cleveland..... 52 42 Clear

Duluth..... 38 42 Clear

Galveston..... 62 60 Cloudy

Hatteras..... 62 70 P. cloudy

Havre..... 56 40 22 Snow

Jacksonville..... 72 62 Clear

Kansas City..... 56 62 Clear

Louisville..... 60 48 Clear

Montgomery..... 72 78 Clear

New Orleans..... 70 78 Clear

New York..... 56 60 44 P. cloudy

Norfolk..... 66 72 52 Clear

Oklahoma..... 72 42 Clear

Pittsburgh..... 72 44 Cloudy

Raleigh..... 70 74 Clear

St. Louis..... 58 60 36 Clear

St. Paul..... 52 42 Clear

San Francisco..... 62 60 Clear

Savannah..... 66 74 Clear

Spokane..... 40 44 36 Cloudy

Washburn..... 64 70 40 Cloudy

Winnipeg..... 26 34 12 Cloudy

Wytheville..... 52 62 36 Clear

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

March 19, 1912.

Sun Rises..... 6:16

Morning..... 4:48

Sun Sets..... 6:19

Evening..... 5:05

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